Appl. No. 09/898,771

Amdt. Dated December 29, 2004

Reply to Office action of September 30, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the

present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and

amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant

regards as the invention.

The Office Action Summary indicates that "some" of the priority documents have been

received. There is no explanation in the text of the action. Applicants request confirmation that

the sole priority document (filed with the application) has been received.

Claims 1-12 have been canceled. Allowable claim 13 has been rewritten in independent

form.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a

condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the

application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone

interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same

to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 33688.

Respectfully submitted,

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